TEIICHI NO KUNI

CHAPTER 9

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PART
NINE
An
Alluring
Trap

One of student council president Vōyama's candidates stands like a wall in the way of Himuro becoming the next student council president. And behind the scenes, it was their job to..
Suddenly, Himuro has given them a mission.
Kusakabe-senpai!
Erase
1-1 Room Leader - Akaba Tōtoki
1-2 Room Leader - Tōgō Kikuma

WHAT WAS I TALKING "BOUT TO THESE FOUR GUYS AGAIN?
KOMA,
HUH?
HMM? I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING.
HOW ABOUT YOU TWO?
WE DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING AT ALL!
A-AGREED!

WILL BE WITHOUT PERMISSION!
FROM THIS POINT ON, EVERYTHING I DO
I WILL ABSOLUTELY NOT LOSE TO YOU!
TŌGŌ KIKUMA,
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YEAH!
THIS IS AN EXCITING ORDER, KŌMEI!
ROGER!
ON KUSAKABE-SENPAI BEGINS!
THE INFORMATION GATHERING
Hah!

SLOW!
SLOW!
MR. TORTOISE!
YOU WAITED UNTIL IT CAME TO THIS TO GATHER INFORMATION?!
ACHIEVEMENTS FROM BIG TO SMALL!
FROM TEACHER EVALUATIONS!
ABOUT THEIR FAMILY, PERSONALITY AND CHILDHOOD!
THEIR PRINCIPLES, THEIR HOBBIES, THEIR STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, AND MORE!
WE ARE THE HARE! WE'VE BEEN GATHERING INFORMATION ON THE SECOND YEAR ROOM LEADERS AND VICE LEADERS FOR AGES!

TO KUSAKABE-SENPAI'S DEATH!
I ALREADY HAVE A CLEAR VIEW OF THE PATH
THE HARE WILL WIN THIS RACE!
HAH!
UKEKE!
So now, Taichi feels impatient and threatened
Tōgō Kikuma and Nezu Nishizō hadn't neglected to collect information on a daily basis.
Gulp

YEAH
THIS IS A CONSIDERABLY DIFFICULT TASK YOU'VE GIVEN THEM, HIMURO
HOWEVER,
ALTHOUGH ONE COULD SAY OF THIS ELECTION THAT IF NOT FOR KUSAKABE
I WOULD BECOME STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT WITHOUT A DOUBT

UP UNTIL NOW I'VE TRIED MANY THINGS TO MAKE KUSAKABE DISAPPEAR
AND ALL OF THEM HAVE FAILED.
YEAH...
AN OBVIOUS PLOT TO GET RID OF HIM WOULD BE NOTICED BY KUSAKABE AND PRESIDENT DOYAMA.
SUCH A THING WOULD PUT ALL OF US IN DANGER.
AKABA TEIICHI,
TŌGŌ KIKUMA...
WILL YOU GUYS DO IT BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY?

that a romantic trap was nearby
Unaware of his surroundings, Kusakabe did not know
山貨店
THIS GIRL AGAIN?
I'VE BEEN RUNNING INTO HER HERE ALL WEEK...
THAT SHE LIKES ME?
COULD IT BE...

!
UMM...
I'M OVER-THINKING THIS AREN'T I?
HAHA
MY NAME IS HARUKO.
MY...
UHH...
UMM...
THAT
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER UP CLOSE BEFORE BUT SHE'S CUTE.
OH... OH
WHAT IS IT?
WHA-
I...
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UMM... THAT...
UMM...
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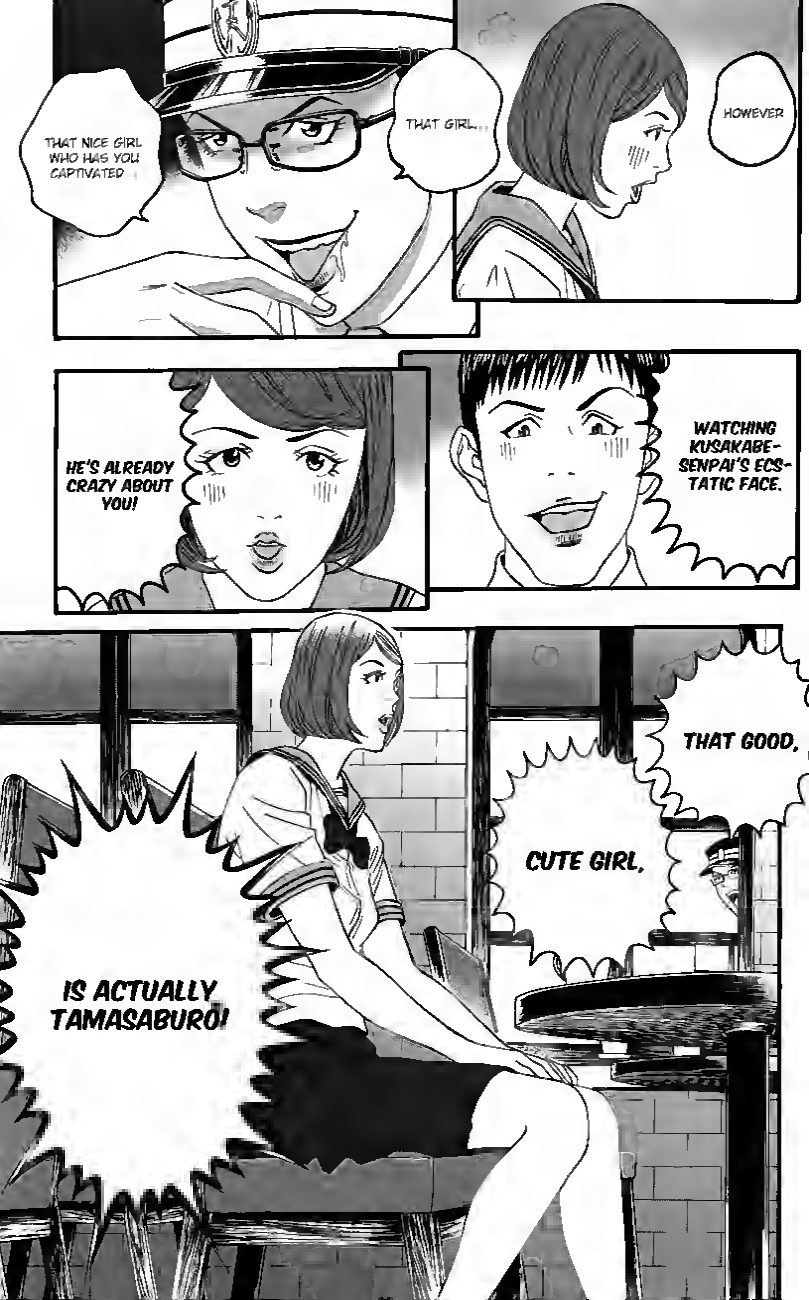
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FOR A LONG TIME
This situation
is something I've always dreamt of!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO THAT COFFEE SHOP OVER THERE?
REALLY?!
THIS IS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!
IT WORKED!
KEKE!

KUSAKABE-SENPAI HAS EXCELLENT GRADES AND COMES FROM A RICH HOUSEHOLD
THAT'S HAD POLITICIANS IN IT FOR GENERATIONS
THERE SEEMS TO BE NO ISSUES AMONGST THE BROTHERS IN THE FAMILY
I'VE LISTENED TO ALL THE BAD RUMOURS BUT HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEM.
THERE WASN'T A SINGLE FLAW THERE...
HOWEVER,
I WAS ABLE TO FIND ONE WEAKNESS!
OF COURSE, KUSAKABE-SENPAI
LIKES GIRLS!

I STARTED TO FOLLOW KUSAKABE-SENPAI IMMEDIATELY AFTER ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL.
THAT WAS WHEN I NOTICED IT.
WHENEVER THERE WAS A CUTE GIRL, KUSAKABE-SENPAI TRIED NOT TO LOOK AT HER.
HOWEVER,
HE ALWAYS HAD TO ADJUST HIS HAIR.
AND THEN I UNDERSTOOD!
KUSAKABE-SENPAI WANTS THE CUTE GIRLS TO SPEAK TO HIM FIRST.
THAT'S WHAT HE DREAMS OF!
KUSAKABE-SENPAI, THAT DREAM OF YOURS
IS ACHIEVED THANKS TO TŌGŌ KIKUMA!


THAT NICE GIRL WHO HAS YOU CAPTIVATED...
THAT GIRL...
HOWEVER
HE'S ALREADY CRAZY ABOUT YOU!
WATCHING KUSAKABE-SENPAI'S ECSTATIC FACE.
IS ACTUALLY TAMASABURO!
CUTE GIRL,
THAT GOOD,

NO, NO, YOU CAN DO IT!
WE'RE BEGGING YOU PLEASE, TAMASABURŌ!
HUH?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE YOU GUYS
1-2 Drama Club member - Miyama Tamasaburō
NO, I DON'T WANT TO.
I COULDN'T TRICK SOMEONE
THINK ABOUT THIS CAREFULLY, TAMASABURŌ
AMONG ALL THE FIRST YEARS, I'M THE CLOSEST TO BECOMING STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!
RIGHT, NISHIZŌ?
YUP! KEKE!
WHEN I BECOME STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, I CAN MAKE YOU AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER!
EXECUTIVE OFFICER?
YOU KNOW, IT'S THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT WHO KEEPS YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES THE SAME!
WOULD YOU LIKE A HUGE THEATRE FOR THE DRAMA CLUB?!
HAH!

AMAZING!
CAN YOU REALLY DO SUCH A THING?
YES, REALLY!
BUT FOR IT TO WORK, YOU HAVE TO BECOME NEXT YEAR'S DRAMA CLUB PRESIDENT AND ENTER THE STUDENT COUNCIL!
I MUST SAY THOUGH UNTIL I DO BECOME CLUB PRESIDENT I CAN'T TAKE IT EASY
IT IS CERTAIN THAT I WILL BE THE ONE TO BECOME CLUB PRESIDENT
BUT I DON'T KNOW IF CHANGING CLOTHES WILL BE ENOUGH.
JUST AS I THOUGHT!
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL ENOUGH TO CHARM HIM, TAMASABURŌ!

ME TOO!
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I DIDN'T THINK TALKING FOR THE FIRST TIME COULD BE SO FUN!
HEHE
YES, YES!
YOU'RE DOING PERFECTLY TAMASABURO!
S-SURE!
I REALLY LIKE THE PARK AT THE TOP OF THE HILL.
SHALL WE GO TOGETHER?
R-RIGHT?
HAHA...
ぴと
IT'S HOT ISN'T IT?

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FULL ATTACK IN ONE STRIKE!
THAT'S GREAT, TAMASABURŌ!
COME ON!
COME ON!
COME ON!

!?
JUST GO FOR IT!
I... I CAN'T
HUH? WHY?
I GUESS IT'S TRUE
!
I CAN'T DO IT..
I CAN'T DO IT..
because I love you...
I can't... I can't do it,
THAT MUST BE IT!
COME ON, IT'S OKAY!
NO, I CAN'T!

ALRIGHT, HIT HIM WITH FULL POWER TAMASABURŌ!
IT'S OKAY!
NO, NO!
IT'S OKAY!
NO, NO!
NO!
GYAH!
タタタ
W-WAIT .
OUCH...
SHIT...
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND WOMEN ..
ALRIGHT, WELL DONE!
MISSION COMPLETE!
KEKE!

The following week, Monday
GOOD MORNING
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コツ
Class 2-5 Homeroom teacher - Okadaya Tamotsu
WHAT'S WRONG?
W...

OKADAYA-SENSEI,
THE HEADMASTER WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU.
HUH?
KUSAKABE DID THAT?
THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF MISTAKE
IT IS NOT A MISTAKE.
KARASAWA-SENSEI SAW IT AND REPORTED IT
YES, THERE'S NO MISTAKE HERE
IT WAS KUSAKABE
AFTER HE CAME IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH A FEMALE STUDENT,
I SAW HIM TRYING TO BRUTALLY FORCE HIMSELF ON THE FEMALE STUDENT WHO WAS SAYING NO

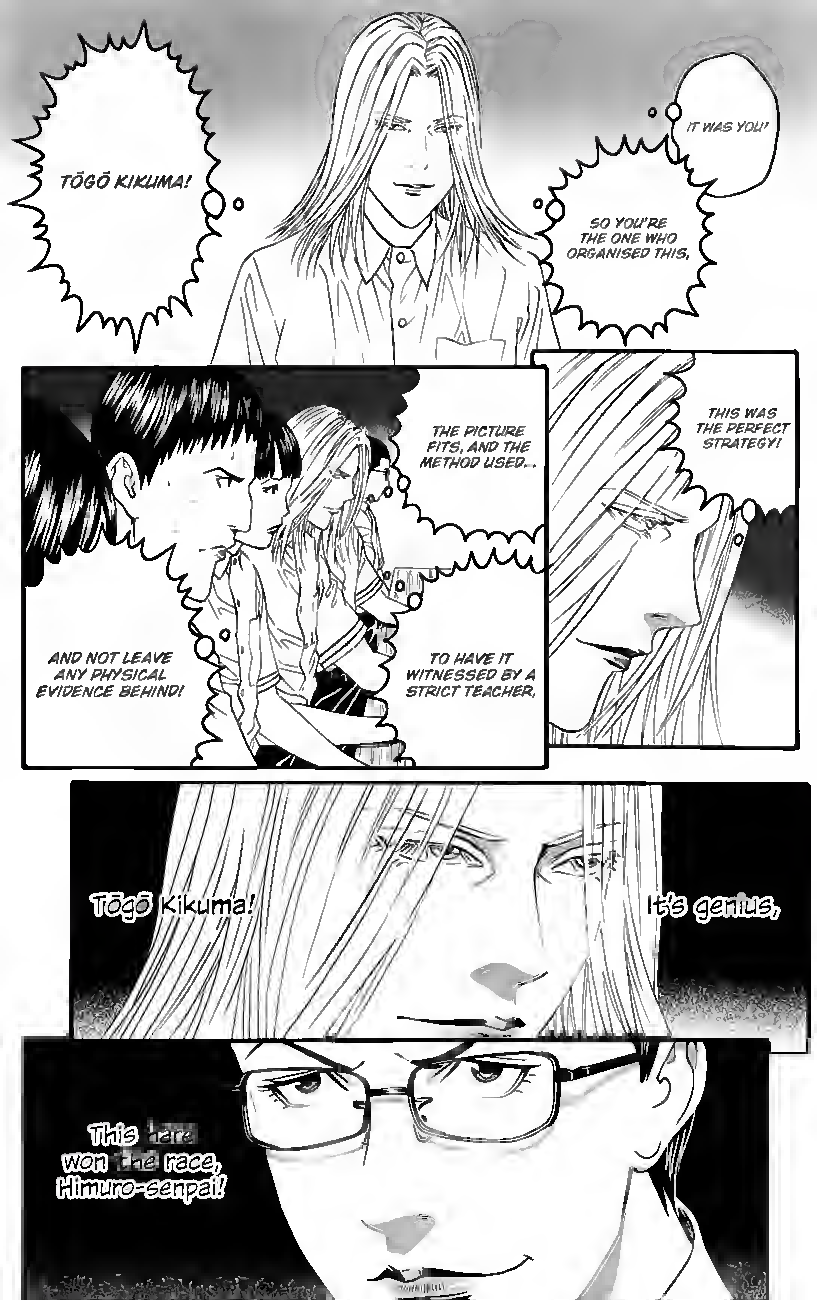
WELL?!
IS IT REALLY TRUE, KUSAKABE?!
IT IS TRUE. . .
THAT I WAS IN THE PARK ON TOP OF THE HILL ON SATURDAY. . .

QUITE
QUITE
I NEVER TOUCHED A WOMAN UNTIL AFTER I WAS MARRIED!
NOT TO MENTION W-W-W-WITH VIOLENCE!
COMPLETELY AND UTTERLY HORRIBLE!
HORRIBLE!
W-W-W-W-WHAT IMPURE SEXUAL ADVANCES, DISGRACEFUL!
THIS REALLY IS HORRIBLE!

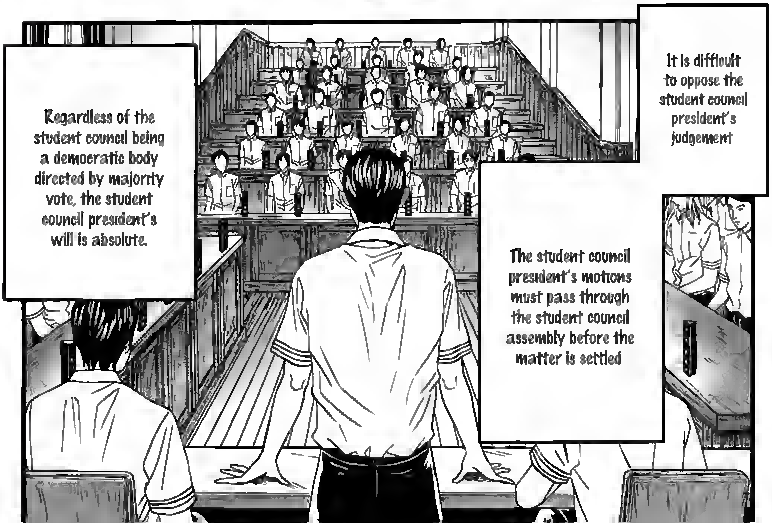
His parents were called and acted as strict parents in front of the school faculty.
THIS IS TRULY FOOLISH..
While having denied any violence, Kusakabe accepted that there was nothing he could do to change his situation.
Due to the rumours heard by the students (passed around by Kikuma) it was decided that a student council meeting would be held on the topic of Kusakabe's inappropriate conduct
THE FIRST MATTER IS THE INTROOUCTION OF A NEW RULE REGARDING THE BANNING OF INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT WITH FEMALES.
TOOAY'S MEETING HAS TWO ITEMS ON ITS AGENDA.
THE SECOND ISSUE IS THE PUNISHMENT FOR ROOM LEAOER KUSAKABE TETSUYA.
生徒会長
堂山圭吾

THIS APPEARS TO BE TŌGŌ-KUN'S WORK.
WAS THIS YOUR DOING, TŌGŌ KIKUMA?!
EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN!
YES!
TAMASABURŌ TOOK KUSAKABE-SENPAI TO THE PARK ON TOP OF THE HILL AT 5:45PM
FROM THERE HE BEGAN TO TEMPT KUSAKABE-SENPAI
I CAN'T!
I CAN'T!
SURE ENOUGH, KUSAKABE-SENPAI HELD ONTO HIM WHEN HE SAID "I CAN'T, I CAN'T"

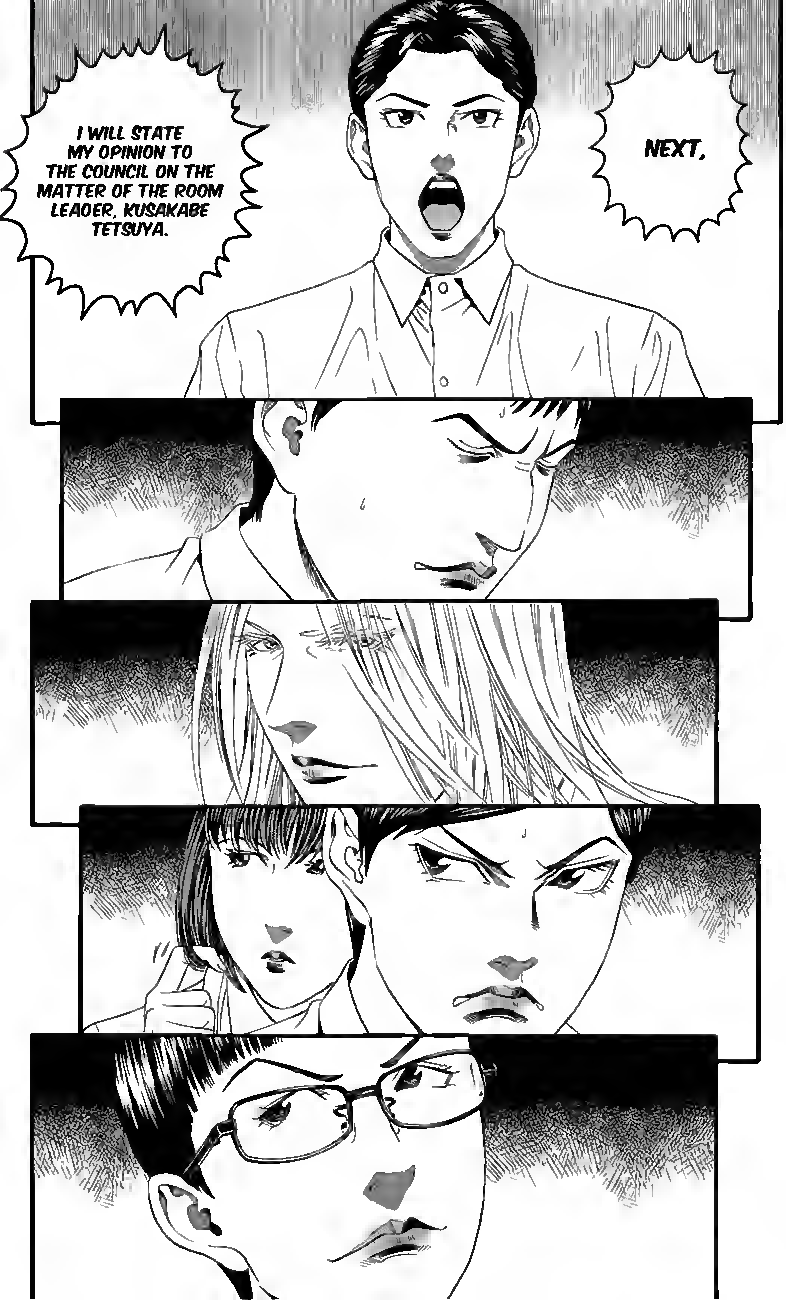
AT EXACTLY 6PM,
THEN...
WE FOUND OUT THAT ON SATURDAYS STARTING AT 5:30PM, KARASAWA PRACTICES HIS GOLF SWING ON THE ROOF TOP ADJACENT TO THE PARK ON TOP OF THE HILL.
THAT'S KUSAKABE!
THE MOST MORALLY UPTIGHT TEACHER IN THE SCHOOL, KARASAWA-SENSEI, JUST SO HAPPENED TO SPOT THEM
IT WAS ME!
HIMURO-SENPAI,
AND AT THAT TIME, KUSAKABE-SENPAI TOOK THE BAIT FOR OUR SWEET TRAP.
I DID IT!


TŌGŌ KIKUMA!
SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ORGANISED THIS,
IT WAS YOU!
THE PICTURE FITS, AND THE METHOD USED..
TO HAVE IT WITNESSED BY A STRICT TEACHER,
AND NOT LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE BEHIND!
THIS WAS THE PERFECT STRATEGY!
Tōgō Kikuma!
It's genius,
This [illegible] won [illegible] race, Himuro-senpai!

WE SHOULD INCLUDE A RULE REGARDING THE BANNING OF IN-APPROPRIATE CONTACT WITH FEMALES INTO THE RULES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL
THERE IS ALSO A REQUEST FROM THE SCHOOL
IN THE OPINION OF THE FACULTY.
STAND!
THOSE WHO OPPOSE,


Regardless of the student council being a democratic body directed by majority vote, the student council president's will is absolute.
It is difficult to oppose the student council president's judgement
The student council president's motions must pass through the student council assembly before the matter is settled

DURING THE NEXT STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING, WE WILL CARRY ON FURTHER WITH THIS AGREEMENT.
WITH ZERO OPPOSITION, THIS BILL IS PASSED THROUGH THE STUDENT COUNCIL!
THIS CAN'T BE GOOD...
THIS..
along with the recent incident that happened between Mimiko and Teiichi, was a heavy burden to bare.
The reality of the implications regarding this decision to ban inappropriate contact with females,
HOW ANNOYING!
DAMN YOU, KIKUMA


I WILL STATE MY OPINION TO THE COUNCIL ON THE MATTER OF THE ROOM LEADER, KUSAKABE TETSUYA.
NEXT,

I SUGGEST WE LOOK THE OTHER WAY.
IN THIS ONE INSTANCE,

GAH

WHAT'S WRONG, TŌGŌ?!
TŌGŌ?!
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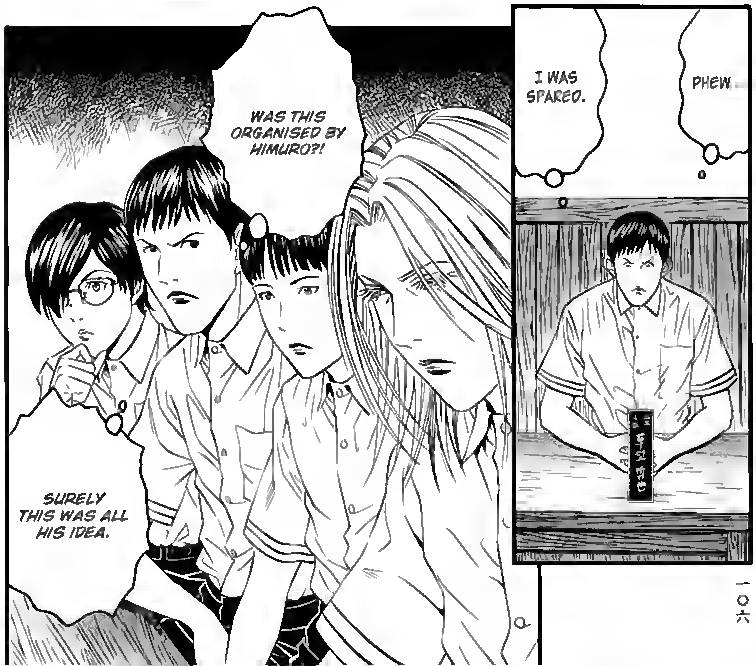
IT'S JUST ANEMIA...
HAHA.
SO... SORRY!
IN THIS CASE, THE FACT THAT KUSAKABE WAS THERE IS UNDENIABLE.
ALRIGHT, LET US CONTINUE
HAA
HAA

ACCORDING TO KUSAKABE, THE GIRL LURED HIM THERE AND PURPOSEFULLY TRIED TO TEMPT HIM.
HOWEVER, WHETHER THESE ACCUSATIONS ARE TRUE OR NOT IS ANOTHER MATTER ENTIRELY.
IT IS ALSO DIFFICULT NOT TO WONDER IF THIS IS THE WORK OF A THIRD PARTY.
AT THIS POINT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO UNFAIRLY CONDEMN HIM UNTIL WE KNOW WHETHER IT IS TRUE OR NOT.
!
COULD IT BE?!

WHAT I JUST SAID IS ONLY A THEORY.
FOR NOW, YOUR MISCONDUCT IS A FACT.
HOWEVER, KUSAKABE!
Y-YES!
THERE WILL BE NO NEXT TIME!
FROM THIS POINT ONWARDS, YOU MUST BECOME A SHINING EXAMPLE AMONG THE SECOND YEAR ROOM LEADERS
PRESIDENT DŌYAMA..
HAS STILL NOT CHANGED
IN THIS CASE, MY TRUST IN YOU

GRRR...
I'm saved...
AS EXPECTED, NOTHING GETS PAST PRESIDENT DÔYAMA.
TO HAVE THE INTELLIGENCE TO SENSE A CONSPIRACY AND A MAKE CALM AND RATIONAL JUDGEMENT ACCORDINGLY -
BUT KIKUMA'S PLOT WAS ALMOST PERFECT.
IT'S EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO DECEIVE PRESIDENT DÔYAMA'

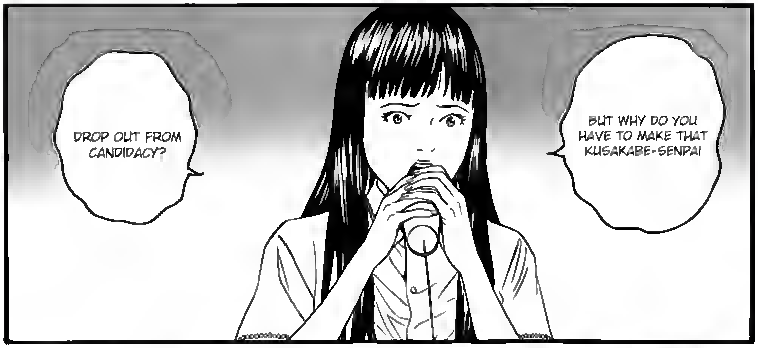
I CAN'T FIND THE WORDS TO DESCRIBE IT.
THIS TIME, HIMURO'S ORDER ..
WHAT AM I SAYING
THIS ..
it will be difficult
However,


I WAS SPARED.
PHEW..
WAS THIS ORGANISED BY HIMURO?!
SURELY THIS WAS ALL HIS IDEA.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT GUY'S THINKING
THEN AGAIN, THERE'S ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS MORIZONO
BUT...
NO..
I'VE REALLY COME TO LIKE THAT GIRL...
THERE'S NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT.
WHEN I BECOME STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, I HOPE I CAN MEET WITH HER AGAIN
TODAY'S STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING IS FINISHED!
TO SUDDENLY BECOME SO EMBARRASSED AND RUN AWAY, THERE'S STILL A POSSIBILITY THERE!
As usual, Kusakabe found comfort in his dream...

A RULE AGAINST INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT WITH FEMALES?
Shiratori household
YEAH...
WHY.
WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT, TEIICHI-KUN?

AH, THAT'S RIGHT!
IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT NEW STUDENT COUNCIL RULE. THAT'S ALL.
BUT DESPITE THAT, I STILL HAVE TO VISIT YOU
SO IF I DRESS LIKE THIS NO ONE WILL KNOW IT'S ME EVEN IF THEY SEE ME
BUT I WON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE EITHER


DROP OUT FROM CANDIDACY?
BUT WHY DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE THAT KUSAKABE-SENPAI

IS BECAUSE IT'S BEEN DECIDED THAT KUSAKABE IS THE ENEMY
THE REASON I HAVE TO DO THIS

WELL,

...
BUT TO BLAME HIM...
THAT'S WHY THIS 'BAN AGAINST INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT WITH FEMALES' WAS MADE WASN'T IT?

YEAH...
WHAT CAUSED OUR MEETINGS TO BECOME DIFFICULT
THAT'S...
ARE YOU THINKING OF BREAKING UP WITH ME?
BY ANY CHANCE...
MIMIKO, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY IRREPLACEABLE TO ME
NO.
THIS IS STILL A LITTLE OVERBOARD THOUGH...
TH-THANK YOU.
FROM HERE ON OUT I'LL INCREASE MY COLLECTION OF DISGUISES.

MIMIKO!
WHO ARE YOU SPEAKING TO AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT?!
AH, PAPA!
NO, PAPA!
I ALWAYS HEAR WHISPERING VOICES AT NIGHT. I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD!
IS IT A BOY?!
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I-I'M SORRY...
I'M JUST A LONELY PERSON...
IT MAKES ME HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOUR DAUGHTER STORIES HERE AT NIGHT...
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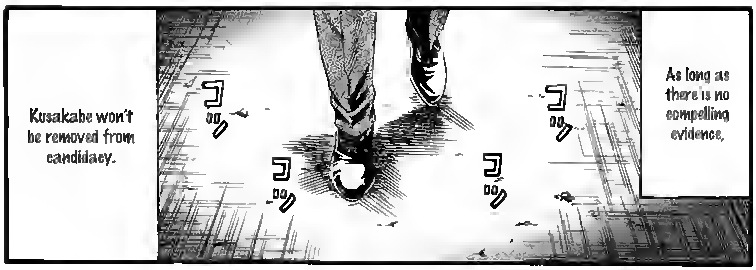
I WILL NOT BOTHER YOU...
WITH SUCH THINGS ANYMORE...
I HAVE A VERY GOOD DAUGHTER.
PLEASE CONTINUE TO TALK TOGETHER
YOU'RE SO KIND MIMIKO
I'M RELIEVED!
...
THAT WAS GOOD THINKING...

Kikuma's plan ultimately ended in failure.
While this was relieving for Teiichi,
he thought of Doyama's sharp intuition


As long as there is no compelling evidence,
Kusakabe won't be removed from candidacy.

FUFU...
I'VE GOT IT!
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TASK,
THIS UNACHIEVABLE
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE!
THIS...
After thinking for a long time, Teiichi finally thought of a name for his task. And with that done he was able to forget about his troubles for just a short moment

Will you guys do it by any means necessary,
Tōgō Kikuma, Akaba Teiichi?

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